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REPORT

OF THE

Directors, Superintendent and Agent

OF THE

TEXAS PENITENTIARY,

FOR THE YEARS 1856, '57.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To his Excellency, E. M. Pease,
Governor of the State of Texas:

Another period of two years having intervened, since our last report to your Excellency, as Directors of the State Penitentiary, we again submit this, our Biennial report, of the general transactions of the Institution. Since our last report, nothing material in its character has transpired.

Under the judicious management of the present worthy Superintendent, its affairs have been conducted to our entire satisfaction.

The funds of the State placed in the hands of the Financial Agent, have been economically disbursed, and satisfactorily accounted for, on an examination of his vouchers, and the reported ascertained balance of cash on hand.

By one of the provisions of the new law, we were required to appoint a Physician and Chaplain. Which was done by the selection of Dr. D. J. Ransom, (the present attending Physician,) and the Rev. A. Davis; the compensation of the latter, as provided by law, was to be two hundred and fifty dollars per annum; which amount was included in the appropriation. But from some cause, the office of "Chaplain" was omitted to be named; consequently he has been unable to have his account audited for payment; to which we would desire to call your Excellency's attention.

The government and discipline of the institution, as heretofore, has been mild, though firm and decided in its character, and good conduct and order have in most cases, characterized the action of the convicts. But cases have arisen, since the present Penal Code has been in operation, evidencing the bad effects of the restricting policy on the subject of corporeal punishment, as inhibited by Article 186, Part 2, of said Code. There are cases, when it is essential for good government.—The knowledge on the part of the convict, of his liability to it, induces to good conduct. It worked well under the old sys-

tem. Our then By-Laws provided for it, but it could alone be inflicted, by a special order of the Directors, entered of record. It was seldom found necessary, but when resorted to, had a happy effect. We would respectfully suggest to your Excellency, the propriety of the indicated change, with such checks, as would prevent its abuse.

The present law providing compensation to Sheriffs, for transportation of convicts, makes the amount for that service indefinite, and impossible to make a correct estimate. Again, the operation of that law is unknown to the Hon. Legislature. Some District Judges certify to three, four and five guards for one convict, others to one and two. During the second quarter of this fiscal year, the sum of $3,197 50 was paid Sheriffs for that service. We would suggest, that the appropriation for it be made special, payable to the Financial Agent on his requisition—and that, he be required to settle annually with the Comptroller, for his disbursements. The vouchers would then be at the seat of government, for the inspection of the Legislature, which would enable them to see its workings, or, let the service be paid direct out of the State Treasury.

In Some States this service is paid out of the appropriation made for the support of the Judiciary.

The Penal Code, provides for the erection of a House of correction, for the confinement of offenders under the age of seventeen years. Though no appropriation was made for it, should the law remain in force, it will be necessary to make one.

Since our last report, there have been seven deaths; none however from diseases originating here, with one exception. Much was of a Typhoid character, of which there were several—but with one exception, they readily gave way under the treatment of the physician, to which report, we would respectfully refer for a more full detail.

The Penitentiary as per plan, and store room and warehouse, as provided for by the last Legislature, are nearly completed. For safety from fire, we caused separate buildings to be erected, both of brick. One for a store-room, with offices and residence of the Financial Agent, sixty feet front by fifty deep, two stories high, and a warehouse, twenty feet front by fifty deep, also two stories high; the lower room for cotton, the upper for wool—which have been erected on ground immediately in front of the Penitentiary, which was purchased

by the Agent under our instructions. The residue of the ground being under cultivation as a garden for the convicts.

By reference to the Agent's report, it will be seen that the entire cost of the ground and buildings has been only $3,038,49 Though an excess of $1,038 49 over amount appropriated, it will not require any additional one. The unexpended balance on hand for the fourth quarter of this year, for the support of the Penitentiary, being deemed ample for both.

Since our former report, we have succeeded in getting the engines up the river, and to their destination.

Operations were commenced in the Factory, by commencing carding and spinning in June 1856, and one Loom on the 27th July same year. The first fabrics were forwarded by the agent to your Excellency during the adjourned session, for the inspection of the members; since which we have been gradually breaking-in convict labor. And in July last, we had all the looms at work—to effect which, the Agent was compelled to send for additional machinery, which has arrived and been paid for; some more is now on the road, yet to pay for.

In connexion with which, and the subject matter of his suggestions to us in his report, we would desire to call your and the Legislature's favorable attention, fully approving and endorsing his views. It has been his peculiar province to attend to this matter, as one of the original board of Directors, who first brought the subject before your predecessor and the legislature, and bought the present machinery. He has given the subject more than ordinary care and attention, and has discharged his duties with fidelity to the State's best interest.

The present main dependence for a supply of water for the boilers, is from a branch distant from the engine about three hundred and seventy feet, in which we have sunk a reservoir; but the ascent being too great to draw the water by the engine (about forty feet,) we were compelled to build another reservoir on the upper bank, into which the water is raised by manual labor with a force and elevathing pump, occupying the time of two convicts, at a cost to the State of some four hundred and sixty dollars per annum. We are not informed upon the subject of sinking Artesian Wells, but would desire to call the attention of your Excellency and the Legislature to the propriety of having one sunk within the walls of the Penitentiary, to which it would in addition, be of geat assistance in the event of fire. From the Superintendent and Agent's report, it will be seen that the working of the Factory system

has fully developed the fact, that convict labor can be controlled and regulated by State Agents, with profit to the citizens of the entire State, whose common means have built it up and who are justly entitled to reap its profits.

The Osnabergs and Woollens made by the State, are of the best quality, and meet with ready sale. From the reports herewith submitted, it will appear, that the factory will soon be able to sustain the Penitentiary system free of cost to the State.

For instance, the estimate for the Factory shows an anticipated balance in her favor at the expiration of the coming two years, of $27,211,48, when for the same period, the estimate for the support of the Penitentiary proper only reaches $18,768-17.

By reference to the Agent's report, in connexion with the Factory, he thinks that a contingent appropriation in the form of a State loan for $20,000, will be all that will be necessary at this time to keep it going until time sales mature. To all of which, together with the Superintendent's estimates, we approve, and refer them to your Excellency and the Legislature's favorable consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By your Excellency's obt. servt's.

WM. M. BARRETT, } Directors.
A. R. BOWEN, }

FINANCIAL AGENT'S REPORT,

THE HON. BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Texas State Penitentiary :

GENTLEMEN :—The time having arrived, when under the law, I am required to report to you an abstract of my transactions for the preceding two years, in accordance therewith I now submit reports numbers 1 and 2.

No. 1. contains my transactions on account of the Penitentiary, and Store and Ware house appropriations.

No. 2. contains a similar statement in regard to my transactions with the cotton and woollen Factories.

By reference to No. 1, you will see the general expense account of the Penitentiary under the several heads amounting to $46,842,82

Also sales account under their several heads amounting to the sum of 14,061,82

Also the amount of cost received and from what source, amount, 51,713,51

Also amount disbursed of 46,850,77

With a balance on hand of 4,862,74

On account of the Store and Wareroom it will be seen that I have received the amount appropriated, $2,000,00

And disbursed the sum of 2,488,17

Which excess has been paid out of Penitentiary monies.

From the account of expenses incurred, you will perceive that it amounted to the sum of $3,038,47

Leaving a balance unpaid of $550,30, which is included in the Penitentiary indebtedness.

The operations of the wagon and cabinet shops, show a fair advance for convict labor. The expense account of both these branches, you will see has been $2,612,54. The sales having been $6,754,56—balance in their favor of $4,142,02.

I have also prepared a statement, introducing amounts paid employees at the State Treasury (or to be paid at the end of 3rd quarter) showing the nett expense of each convict, to the

State of $457,15,4 or $228,57,7 for each of the preceding years.

In preparing a general account current of the transactions for the last two years, you will also see that I have credited the Penitentiary and charged the Factories with the labor of 68 convicts for one year at $228,57,7, amounting to $15,543,26. Also with credits for labor done by convicts in the completion of Penitentiary, and erection of store and warehouse, which account shows a balance in favor of the State of $6,435,85.

By reference to No. 2, you will see the expense account for purchases, &c., each under their several heads, to have been $56,748,87

And that her sales have been - - -	48,007,14
To wit: for heavy cottons - - -	33,484,65
" woollens, - - -	14,522,49
Her cash receipts have been, - - -	
Two appropriations - - - -	$28,000,00
" sales - - - - - -	13,845,02
	$41,845,02

The amount disbursed has been $45,272,52 ; excess disbursed $3,427,50, which has been paid out of the Penitentiary funds, and credited to her account.

You will perceive by reference to the account of Merchandize made, that she has manufactured 334,028,3 yards.

To wit: cotton	283,482,3 yards
woollens	40,546,3 "

It will be seen also, that there is outstanding and due or to become due from customers, the sum of $28,582,96, subject to a reduction of $5,477,53 due for purchases &c., and $3,427,50 to Penitentiary for cash advanced, leaving a nett balance due, $19,677,93

By inventory of stock on hands, September 30, 1857. It will be seen that there was in Merchandize $2,908,00

Cotton and Wool	6,751,39
Sundries,	1,676,61

In preparing an account current for the present report I have introduced all the appropriations made by the Legislature in relation to this branch of industry, amounting to $69,048,70; of which there has been expended, for the purchase of Engine and Machinery, and placing them in operation, the sum of $50,830,57, ($10,281,87 having been expended during the last

two years) which amount I have charged as real estate; leaving a balance of $18,218,13 for the general current expenses of the institution.

The expense account will show that the contingent expenses have been $6,753,60

Cotton and wool bought	33,105,28
Pay of Employees	6,608,12
Amounting to	46,467,00

Notwithstanding which, the account current shows a balance in favor of the Factory system of $16,676,72

In regard to balances due from sales, it may be proper to state, that a small amount only is at this time due. Our heaviest sales having been lately made, and on four months time, most of them will mature during the present year.

The law requires your honorable board, to examine the various items embraced in my report, and compare them with the original entries and vouchers, all of which are on file in the office, and if found correct to certify to the same. In the discharge of which duty, I shall be pleased to furnish you any assistance you may desire.

Here, gentlemen, the requirements of laws on me officially closes. But being one of the original board of Directors, who first advocated the adoption of the Factory system in the Texas Penitentiary, "as a matter of State enterprise and Southern interest;" and solicitous for its successful prosecution, duty prompts me to make some suggestions for your consideration, and recommendation, should they meet your approval.

In the first instance, it was not for a moment supposed, that introducing novices into the business, they could by any possibility get more than one half of the looms in successful operation in less than one year from their commencement; hence the entire system was not perfected—parts were left out, for subsequent purchase. But the result has proven the reverse—additional machinery was required, and under your advice, I have bought and paid for, without any appropriation, machinery to the amount of over $6700—and now have shipped, to arrive and unpaid, to the amount of $2300 more. We still need additional machinery—probably to the amount of $7000.

There is a constant demand for spun yarn—which if we could make, would afford a better profit, than making it into fabrics. Again, what is our condition in regard to our woollen fabrics. Their reputation is established—so far as tried, they

meet with universal commendation. We are now one month behind our orders, and still they come. We have been compelled to decline orders, not being able to fill them in time—and we have been thus far behind for the last two months.—If the demand still continues, we will require another set of woollen machinery, which would cost $2500 delivered here—again, we have repeated calls for fabrics of a lighter grade, such as sheeting and shirting. My impression is, that an increase of 20 looms in these branches, would add much to the pecuniary advantage of the institution. Let the amount of machinery be ever so limited, there is a certain expense positive, which is but little increased by an extension of machinery; and in the manufacture of lighter goods, the profit is in the material; whereas in heavier, it is in the labor. It is a mistaken notion of some, that convict labor is cheap, or rather costs the State nothing. As an evidence, look at the cost of each convict per year as contained in my report $228,57,7. It is the most costly; half grown children can do the labor, that three-fourths of our convicts are engaged in. So far as the experiment has been tried in our Penitentiary, of making convict labor profitable, in the manufacture of fabrics, under the control and management of the State, it has been sufficiently demonstrated as will be seen by reference to my Factory account current.—It will be there seen that with a capital of $18,218,13, she has a balance in her favor of $16,676,72, nearly equal to the amount of investment. Now if you will take into consideration the fact, that she has been charged with the labor of convicts sufficient to run the whole amount of machinery, when it was not until July past, that we could run all the looms—being deficient in machinery—the convicts being engaged in cleaning and preparing the balance of machinery for running, which could have with propriety been charged to account of real estate. The Factory spindles were first started in the latter part of June 1856. The first loom July 27, same year, each operation to be taught. Yet during the last six months the Factory has averaged 1492 yards per day, and if we take her September manufacture, as a criterion for the year, she can make $81,312,00 of goods. The present inflated price of cotton, prevents anything like a positive estimate of what that article would cost, for while it is shaking the most substantial manufactures at the North, we are bound to feel its influence here. We cannot make a corresponding advance on our goods—to the present advance in cotton.

Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, my conclusions are; that the Factory is capable of sustaining itself—so soon as as its present amount of machinery is systematized, and perfected, without a farther increase of new machinery—paying the State for convict labor. But as our debts have not matured, and we require funds for present use, and purchase of cotton until a new crop comes in—thereby preventing the extra expense of purchasing at Houston. All that will be necessary for the Legislature to do, would be to make a contingent appropriation of say, $20,000, to be paid the Agent, on your approval, and to be refunded by him, as funds accumulate from sales, and a positive appropriation for the purchase of machinery, as before stated, of $9,300, or $18,000, should the honorable Legislature deem it advisable to add the additional 20 looms with their necessary fixtures.

Respectfully,

Your obdt. serv't,

JOHN S. BESSER, *Financial Agent.*

HUNTSVILLE, October 1st. 1857.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF FACTORY OPERATIONS

ITEMS.	4th qr. 1855.		1st qr. 1856.		2d qr. 1856.		3d qr. 1856.	
	EXPENSE							
ENGINE.								
Purchases - - -	–	–	–	–	159	15	47	76
Contingent - - -	–	–	32	43	–	–	6	54
Hauling - - - -	–	–	2,340	41	552	42	26	02
Setting up - - -	–	–	–	–	628	25	–	–
MACHINERY.								
Purchases - - -	6	12	8	45	156	75	1,308	43
Contingent - - -	34	10	–	–	1	15	236	30
Hauling - - - -	40	98	–	–	–	–	41	56
Setting up - - -	–	–	–	–	645	00	–	–
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Purchases - - -	–	–	–	–	146	57	761	13
Contingent - - -	–	–	–	–	108	50	69	41
Hauling - - - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	412	00
MATERIAL.								
Cotton - - - -	–	–	–	–	255	25	5,086	31
Wool - - - - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,486	99
EMPLOYEES.								
Superintendant - -	–	–	–	–	1,297	00	300	00
Two Overseers - -	–	–	–	–	321	36	390	00
Engineer - - - -	–	–	–	–	44	44	210	00
Night Watch - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	81	20	2,381	29	4,315	84	10,383	05

FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1855, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1857.

4th qr. 1856.		1st qr. 1857.		2d qr. 1857.		3d. qr. 1857.		Total.		Gross Total.	
ACCOUNT.											
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	206	91		
–	–	6	75	–	–	–	–	45	72		
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,918	85		
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	628	25	3,799	73
2,575	59	111	35	592	65	30	25	4,789	59		
143	10	11	90	1	00	24	03	451	58		
278	05	200	16	27	46	7	76	595	97		
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	645	00	6,482	14
710	81	242	46	416	03	1,561	30	3,838	30		
54	80	79	37	129	82	716	19	1,158	09		
319	53	337	41	203	35	484	32	1,757	21	6,753	60
9,753	41	588	29	–	–	8,523	31	24,206	57		
926	53	513	11	2,020	56	3,951	52	8,898	71	33,105	28
400	00	300	00	300	00	300	00	2,897	00		
390	00	390	00	419	90	468	00	2,379	26		
210	00	210	00	222	09	250	00	1,146	53		
–	–	–	–	75	33	110	00	185	33	6,608	12
15,761	82	2,990	80	4,408	19	16,426	68			56,748	87

CASH

From What.	4th qr. 1855.		1st qr. 1856.		2d qr. 1856.		3d qr. 1856.	
Appropriation - - -					4,500	00	4,500	00
Sales - - - - - -							252	68
					4,500	00	4,752	68

CASH

					5,918	54	5,912	08

RECEIVED.

4th qr. 1856.		1st qr. 1857.		2d qr. 1857.		3d qr. 1857.		Total.		Gross Total.	
10,000	00	4,500	00	–	–	4,500	00	28,000	00		
958	94	3,024	76	3,379	70	6,228	94	13,845	02		
10,958	94	7,524	76	3,379	70	10,728	94	41,845	02		

DISBURSED.

12,617	66	8,842	48	2,365	09	9,616	67	45,272	52		
							Balance short, -	$ 3,427	50	41,845	02

MERCHANDISE MADE.

MONTHS.		COTTONS.			WOOLLENS		
		PIECES.	YARDS.		PIECES.	YARDS.	
August,	1856,	206	6,679	1	49	1,536	3
September,	"	343	10,999	3	122	3,830	1
October,	"	249	8,065	2	160	5,074	
November,	"	234	7,582	3	53	1,680	3
December,	"	193	6,124	3	88	2,766	2
January,	1857,	303	9,765	2	12	374	
February,	"	301	9,603		12	390	2
March,	"	801	25,451	1	38	1,265	3
April,	"	984	32,056	3	82	2,579	3
May,	"	1,176	39,606	1	56	1,814	2
June,	"	1,050	35,796	3	22	716	3
July,	"	1,005	34,109		162	5,433	3
August,	"	931	31,981	3	200	6,567	2
September,	"	1,051	35,660	2	201	6,516	
		8,827	293,482	3	1,257	40,546	3

MERCHANDISE SOLD.

MONTHS.		COTTONS.					WOOLLENS.				
		PIECES.	YARDS.		PRICES.		PIECES.	YARDS.		PRICES.	
1856.	August - - - -	14	454		$ 56	27	8	244	2	$ 81	76
"	September - - -	91	2,928		380	21	65	2,029	2	747	47
"	October - - - -	263	8,532	1	1,039	37	204	6,451	1	2,272	17
"	November - - -	35	1,107	2	164	32	63	2,001		727	09
"	December - - -	33	1,054		150	51	19	607	2	222	38
1857.	January - - -	608	19,715	3	2,327	79	60	1,890	3	745	11
"	February - - -	430	13,753		1,661	83	5	157	1	64	15
"	March - - - -	833	26,520	2	3,110	68	26	814	3	314	54
"	April - - - -	917	29,631		3,549	17	69	2,212	3	848	10
"	May - - - - -	664	22,282	3	2,698	19	2	61		25	97
"	June - - - -	920	31,172	2	3,877	38	143	4,594	0	1,649	36
"	July - - - - -	406	13,935		1,722	12	132	4,376	2	1,603	16
"	August - - - -	1,854	62,544	2	7,780	06	216	7,136	0	2,706	22
"	September - - -	1,120	38,143	3	4,966	75	207	6,717	0	2,515	01
		8,188	271,774	2	$33,484	65	1,219	39,293	3	$14,522	49

TO GROSS AMOUNT OF SALES BRO'T FORWARD.

For Cotton - - - - - -	$ 33,484 65	
" Woollens - - - - -	14,522 49	48,007 14
By amt. rec'd dur'g qr. end'g Sep. 30, '56,	252 68	
" " " Dec. 31, '56,	958 94	
" " " Mar. 31, '57,	3,024 76	
" " " Jun. 30, "	3,379 70	
" " " Sep. 30, "	6,228 94	
" sold creditors for material -	5,579 16	
Balance now due by note and act.,	28,582 96	48,007 14

SUNDRIES NOW ON HAND.

MERCHANDISE.		
COTTONS—29 bales, 17,766 yds., at 11½ cts.	$ 2,043 09	
" 2 " 1,192 3 " 13 "	155 05	
" 2 " 1,115 1 " 14 "	156 13	
" not baled, 636 0 " 11½ "	73 14	
" " 506 3 " 13 "	65 78	2,493 19
WOOLLENS—1 bale, 321 0 " 35 "	102 35	
" 1 " 302 0 " 40 "	120 80	
" not baled 250 3 " 35 "	87 76	
" " 259 3 " 40 "	103 90	414 81
		2,908 00
MATERIAL ON HAND.		
COTTON—55 bales, 28,251 lbs, at 14 "	3,955 14	
" in factory, 4,585 " 14 "	641 90	
WOOL— 9,145 " 22¼ "	2,058 48	
" in factory, 428 " " "	95 87	6,751 39
CONTINGENT.		
240 lbs. Extract of Logwood - - -	66 50	
100 " Copperas - - - - - -	5 00	
78 sides lacing Leather - - - -	110 50	
1 lb. Russia Isinglass - - - -	5 00	
4½ doz. Files, assorted sizes - -	26 37	
12 lbs. Glue - - - - - - - -	3 13	
4 Brooms, $1 20; 6 Brushes, $6 00,	7 20	
31 pr. hand and stripping Cards -	8 80	
1 lot Screws and Wire - - - -	20 00	
10,026 lbs. Starch - - - - - - -	802 08	
5 bbls. (206 gals.) Sperm Oil, at $1 60,	329 60	
1 " (40 ") Lard Oil, " 1 30,	52 00	
87 3-4 cords Wood, at 2 74,	240 43	1,676 69

FACTORY

DR. IN ACT. CURRENT FOR TWO YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30, 1857 CR.

For original appropriation,	$35,000	00	By Real Estate reported Sep. 30 '55, consisting of Engine and Machinery,	$40,548	70
" 2d do. special,	5,548	70			
" 3d do. "	500	00			
" 4th do. general	18,000	00			
" 5th do. special	10,000	00	By Real Estate now reported, consisting of		
			Engine,	3,799	73
			Machinery,	6,482	14
			Amount of Real Estate,	50,830	57
			Bal. to close,	18,218	13
	$69,048	70		$69,048	70
To bal bro't over,	$18,218	13	By Merchandise made and sold as per report,	$48,007	14
" amount due Penitentiary for cash advanced,	3,427	50			
			By Merchandise on hand,	2,908	00
To amount due Penitentiary for labor of 68 convicts, one year, at $228 57 7 ea.	15,543	26	By Cotton and Wool on hand,	6,013	62
			By do. in Mill, " do. in process of manufacture,	737	77
To amount due for sundries,	5,477	53			
To bal. to close,	16,676	72	By sundries in contingent act., on hand,	1,676	61
	$59,343	14		59,343	14
			By bal. to close,	$16,676	72

The undersigned, Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary, having carefully examined and compared the foregoing Abstract, with the original entries and vouchers, on file in the office of the Financial Agent, find the same correct.

To which we certify by signature, this the 16th of October, A D. 1857.

A. R. BOWEN,
H. RANDOLPH,
WM. M. BARRETT,
Directors.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF PENITENTIARY

EXPENSE

PENITENTIARY.	4th qr. 1855.		1st qr. 1856.		2d qr. 1856.		3d qr. 1856.	
Erection - - -	734	18	737	35	3,253	21	533	91
Lights, &c. - -	250	91	366	16	227	69	230	69
Factory building,	338	56	14	88	47	00	–	–
Provisions - -	949	01	2,820	74	828	02	421	34
Clothing - - -	354	39	825	00	414	53	145	05
Medical - - -	141	60	81	04	16	10	94	24
Trans. of Convicts	1,236	79	377	58	325	84	590	42
Cash to do.	100	00	142	03	47	75	60	00
Escapes - - -	3	00	10	25	3	00	–	–
Directors - - -	75	00	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guards - - -	1,287	37	1,546	71	1,592	60	1,590	00
Wagon Shop -	457	16	243	75	438	31	95	33
Cabinet do. -	119	64	187	66	135	44	41	44
$	6,047	61	7,353	15	7,329	49	3,802	42

STORE AND

$			600	00	1	00	752	20

SALES

Penitentiary - -	815	99	321	19	403	88	438	66
From visitors - -	–	–	–	–	20	15	92	98
" convicts - -	8	40	3	15	7	55	–	–
Provisions - - -	721	27	89	16	27	44	63	53
Clothing - - - -	98	50	188	55	307	06	333	92
Wagon Shop - -	1,102	96	695	17	508	37	501	15
Cabinet " - -	280	00	231	37	255	69	180	75
$	3,027	12	1,528	59	1,530	14	1,610	99

GROSS AMOUNT OF

From appropriation,	5,350	00	5,548	70	7,650	00	3,825	00
" convicts - -	8	40	3	15	7	55	–	–
" visitors - -	–	–	–	–	20	15	92	98
" sales - - -	1,154	14	1,190	96	1,539	12	812	62
" old balance -	139	03	–	–	–	–	–	–
$	6,651	57	6,742	81	9,216	82	4,730	60

OPERATIONS FROM OCT. 1st, '55, TO SEPT. 30, '57.

ACCOUNT.

4th qr. 1856.		1st qr. 1857.		2d qr. 1857.		3d qr. 1857.		Total.		Gross Total.	
401	99	139	13	523	18	280	65	6,603	60		
313	18	308	33	624	73	148	96	2,470	65		
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	400	44	9,474	69
948	87	1,579	00	1,087	29	950	32	9,584	59	9,584	59
780	32	252	95	134	84	186	39	3,093	47	3,093	47
66	13	34	56	87	27	43	84	564	78	564	78
988	35	568	74	3,198	50	415	40	7,701	62	7,701	62
104	00	90	00	160	00	140	00	843	78	843	78
–	–	–	–	51	86	220	50	288	61	288	61
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75	00	75	00
1,583	76	1,594	66	1,608	64	1,800	00	12,603	74	12,603	74
281	81	67	50	197	57	61	82	1,843	25	1,843	25
123	79	130	28	25	70	5	34	769	29	769	29
5,592	20	4,765	15	7,699	58	4,253	22	46,842	82	46,842	82

WAREROOM.

1,031	41	416	29	175	01	62	58	3,038	49	3,038	49

ACCOUNT, &c.

228	92	249	95	137	12	11	06	2,606	77		
95	13	44	00	61	00	54	75	368	01		
2	35	8	00	23	10	4	00	56	55	3,031	33
66	68	72	81	288	47	508	46	1,837	82	1,837	82
437	54	486	83	248	31	337	40	2,438	11	2,438	11
222	50	626	76	476	70	707	15	4,840	76	4,840	76
293	38	395	68	142	78	134	15	1,913	80	1,913	80
1,346	50	1,884	03	1,377	48	1,756	97	14,061	82	14,061	82

CASH RECEIVED.

3,825	00	7,650	00	576	50	7,073	50	41,498	70	41,498	70
2	35	8	00	23	10	4	00	56	55		
95	13	44	00	61	00	54	75	368	01		
797	13	1,869	05	1,049	48	1,238	72	9,651	22	10,075	78
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	139	03	139	03
4,719	61	9,571	05	1,710	08	8,370	97	51,713	51	51,713	51

GROSS AMOUNT OF CASH DISBURSED.

Penitentiary.	4th qr. 1855.	1st qr. 1856.	2d qr. 1856.	3d qr. 1856.	4th qr. 1856.	1st qr. 1857.	2d qr. 1857.	3d qr. 1857.	Total.	Gross Total.
	6,472 69	8,614 22	7,261 38	2,944 44	3,543 70	7,146 74	6,003 64	4,863 96	46,850 77	
								Cash balance on hand - - $	4,862 74	51,713 51

GROSS AMOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED FOR STORE AND WAREROOM.

From Appropriation.

	2,000 00								2,000 00	

GROSS AMOUNT DISBURSED ON ACCOUNT OF STORE AND WAREROOM.

	600	50	196 59	482 18	1,026 73	130 59	51 58	2,488 17		
								Excess disbursed - - -		$488 17

GROSS AMOUNT OF SALES FROM PRECEDING SHEET - - -	14,061 82
Balance due on books last report - -	1,148 79
$	15,210 61

CONTRA.

By amt. received for qr. ending Dec. 31, '55,	1,162	54		
" " " " Mar. 31, '56,	1,194	11		
" " " " Jun. 30, "	1,566	82		
" " " " Sep. 30, "	905	60		
" " " " Dec. 31, "	894	61		
" " " " Mar. 31, '57,	1,921	05		
" " " " Jun. 30, "	1,133	58		
" " " " Sep. 30, "	1,238	72		
" due from Creditors - - - - - -	3,466	50		
" Profit and Loss - - - - - - -	14	50		
" balance now due on books - - - -	1,712	58	15,210	61
PENITENTIARY CASH BALANCE BRO'T DOWN,			4,862	74
Less amt. advanced to Store Room, &c.,	488	17		
" " " Factory, See Factory Report. - - -	3,427	50	3,915	67
Nett balance on hand - - -			$947	07

EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND SALES. Dr. Cr.

For Two Years Ending Sept. 30, 1857.					Nett.		Nett.	
Penitentiary.								
To Expense act. -	9,474	69						
By Sales - - -			3,031	33				
Balance - -					6,443	36		
Provisions.								
To Expense act. -	9,584	59						
By Sales - - -			1,837	82				
Balance - -					7,746	77		
Clothing.								
To Expense act. -	3,093	47						
By Sales - - -			2,438	11				
Balance - -					655	36		
Wagon Shop.								
To Expense act. -	1,843	25						
By Sales - - -			4,840	76				
Balance - -							2,997	51
Cabinet Shop.								
To Expense act. -	769	29						
By Sales - - -			1,913	80				
Balance - -							1,144	51
To balances -					14,845	49		
By do. - - - - - -							4,142	02
To do. Nett Expense - - -							10,703	47
						$	14,485	49

EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND SALES—CONTINUED.

Nett Expense brought over, - - -			$10,703	47
Add Medical account, - - - -			564	78
" Transportation of Convicts, - -			7,701	62
" Cash to discharged Convicts, - -			843	78
" Escapes, - - - - - -			288	61
" Guards, - - - - - -			12,603	74
" Paid at State Treasury, - - -			6,706	53
" Directors, - - - - - -			75	00
" Lights and Contingents, - - -			2,470	65
Cost for two years, - - - -			$41,958	18
Average Number of Convicts in prison, - - -				92
Which gives an average cost for two years each,			$457	15 4
per annum, -			$228	57 7
COST OF RATIONS FOR YEARS 1856, 1857.				
Amount on hand reported, - - - -			$1,590	71
" bought per Report, - - -			9,584	59
			$11,175	30
By Sales, - - - -	$1,837	82		
On hand, - - - -	621	56	2,459	38
Nett cost of provision, - - - -			8,715	92
Average Number of Convicts on hand, - - -				92
Gives cost of Rations, for the two years, of			$96	91 2
" one year, -			48	45 6
Per day, - -				13 3

PENITENTIARY, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT. Dr.

To Cash received from appropriation - -	$41,498	70
" " balance former Report - - -	139	03
" balance due on book do. - - -	1,148	79
" sundries on hand do. - - - -	4,753	06
" balance due creditors on book - - -	726	61
" balance to close - - - - -	6,435	85
	$54,702	04

Cr.

By work of Convicts on Penitentiary, and Store and Wareroom,	$18,532	91
" labor of 68 Convicts in Factory, at $228,57 7 each for 1 year,	15,543	26
" work made and sold - - - -	14,061	82
" sundries now on hand - - - -	1,686	81
" Profit and Loss - - - - -	14	50
" Cash balance on hand - - - -	4,862	74
	$54,702	04
By balance brought over - - -	$ 6,435	85

The undersigned, Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary, having carefully compared the foregoing Abstract and Transcript, and examined the same in connexion with the original entries and vouchers, find the same correct.

To which we certify by signature, this the 16th of October, A. D. 1857.

A. R. BOWEN,
H. RANDOLPH,
WM. M. BARRETT, } *Directors.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Hon. BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, Superintendent Texas State Penitentiary, in accordance with law, submits his Biennial Report from October 1st, 1855, to 30th September, 1857.

ESTIMATE FOR COMPLETION OF PENITENTIARY.

22,500 feet of Lumber, (plank,)	at	$15 per M. -	337,50
2,500 " Scantling,	"	15 " " -	37,50
8 kegs Nails,	"	6 - -	48,00
3 bbls. Galvanic Cement,	"	30 - -	90,00
100 lbs. White Lead,	"	12c - -	12,00
50 gallons Oil,	"	1 25 - -	62,50
10,000 lbs Iron,	"	1 20 per ton,	600,00
90 Fastenings for Cells,	"	1 50 - -	135,00
			$1,322,50

FOR COMPLETION OF STORE AND WAREROOM.

25 bbls. Lime, at $4 - - - - -	100,00
Hardware, - - - - - -	25,00
	$125,00

FOR SUPPORT OF WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS—TWO YRS.

Lumber for 40 Wagons,	at	$10 - -	$400,00
18,000 lbs. Iron,	"	1 20 per ton,	1,080,00
40 sets Wagon boxes,	"	2 50	100,00
3,000 bushels Coal,	"	8	240,00
For Tools, say - - - - - -			125,00
			$1,945,00

For Support of Cabinet Shop—Two Years.

For Lumber, Tools and Sundries, say			- -	$600,00

For Pay of Employees—Two Years.

Superintendent,	at	$1,500	-	$3,000
Financial Agent,	"	1,500	-	3,000
Directors,	"	250 each,		1,500
Physician,	"	500	-	1,000
Chaplain,	"	250	-	500
Guards,	"	7,200	-	14,400
Transportation of convicts,	"	7,500	-	15,000
Cash to discharged "	"	1,000	-	2,000
Rations,	"	6,132	-	12,264
Clothing,	"	1,560	-	3,120
Lights, (250 gals. lard oil,)	"	312 50	-	625
Contingent,	"	500	-	1,000
				$57,409,00

BY SUNDRIES ON HAND IN ESTIMATE.

Provision.

11 bbls. Flour,	at	$9 00	-	$99,00
2 " Sugar, 458 lbs.,	"	13¼	-	60,68
3 sacks Coffee, 495 "	"	13¼	-	65,58
6 " Salt,	"	3 25	-	19,50
4 boxes Tobacco,	"	31 00	-	124,00
1 box Soap, 40 lbs.,	"	7	-	2,80
2,000 lbs. Bacon,	"	12½	-	250,00
				$621,56

Clothing.

26	Shirts,	at	$0 35	- -	$16,10
51	prs. Pants,	"	35	- -	17,85
17	Blankets,	"	3 00	- -	51,00
112	Wool Hats,	"	50	- -	56,00
28	sides Upper Leather,	"	3 50	- -	98,00
20	lbs. Sole "	"	32	- -	6,40
11	Deer Skins,	"	40	- -	4,40
2	Kip "	"	4 00	- -	8,00
19	Calf "	"	3 00	- -	57,00

26 Skins, for lining,	"	40	10,40
6 pair Shoes,	"	2 00	12,00
4 pair Boots,	"	6 00	24,00
27 balls Shoe Thread,	"	10	2,70
½ bush. Shoe Pegs, for			2,00
			$365,85

PENITENTIARY.

1 bbl. Lard Oil,			$56,63
644 lbs. Lead,	at	$00 10	64,40
211 " block Tin,	"	37	78,07
59 " Solder,	"	20	11,80
1 box Tin,	"	13 50	13,50
			$224,40

WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

1,500 Fellows,	at	$00 05	$75,00
2,900 Spokes,	"	2	58,00
112 Axletrees,	"	50	56,00
122 Hounds,	"	25	30,50
50 Bolsters,	"	37	18,50
1 iron Axletree, 250 lbs.,	"	11	27,50
1 pair Springs,			6,00
24 sets Wagon Boxes,	"	2 00	48,00
2 doz. Files,			17,50
4,087 lbs. Iron,	"	00 06	245,22
			$582,22

CABINET SHOP.

1,200 feet Lumber,	at	$15 00 per M.	$18,00
3 gross Bedstead Screws,	"	3 50	10,50
8 Bed Wrenches,	"	20	1,60
4 sets Castors,	"	37	1,48
5 doz. hand saw Files,	"	1 20	6,00
4 gross Screws,	"	50	2,00
11 doz. pairs brass Butts,	"	1 20	13,20
			$52,78

Articles on hand not heretofore reported, and not in expense estimate:

PENITENTIARY.

140,000 Brick,	at $7 00	-	$980,00
1 Fire-Proof Safe,	- - -	-	300,00
4 double barreled Shot Guns,	at $15 00	-	60,00
8 Colt's Army Revolvers,	" 27 25	-	218,00
			$1558,00

WAGON SHOP.

2 large Wagons,	at $106,00	-	-	$212,00
2 small "	" 80,00	-	-	160,00
5 unfinished "	" 40,00	-	-	200,00
2 Carryalls,	" 60,00	-	-	120,00
60 set Hubs,	" 8,00	-	-	480,00
6 Ploughs,	" 4,50	-	-	27,00
				$1199,00

CABINET SHOP.

2 Wardrobes,	at $15,00	-	-	$30,00
1 Safe,	" 15,00	-	-	15,00
13 Bedsteads,	" 5,00	-	-	65,00
4 Lounges,	" 4,00	-	-	16,00
12 small Tables,	" 2,50	-	-	30,00
3½ doz. Chair Frames,	" 9,00	-	-	31,50
11 Cedar Pails,	" 1,00	-	-	11,00
4 Noggens,	" 35	-	-	1,40
3 Buckets,	" 1,00	-	-	3,00
5 Churns,	" 1,50	-	-	7,50
				$210,40

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSE ESTIMATES.

For completion of Penitentiary, - - -	$1,322,50
" " Store and Warehouse, - -	125,00
" support of Wagon and Blacksmith Shops,	1945,00
" " " Cabinet Shop, - - -	600,00
" pay of Employees, &c., - - - -	57,409,00
	$61,701,50

By Sundries on hand in Expense Estimate.

Penitentiary, - - - -	$224,40	
Provisions, - - - - -	621,56	
Clothing, - - - - -	365,85	
Wagon Shop, - - - -	582,22	
Cabinet " - - - -	52,78	
Probable amount of sales, - -	10,000,00	
Factory labor of 68 convicts, at at $228,57 7 per annum, two years,	31,086,52	$42,933,33
Amount required, - - - -		$18,768,17

ESTIMATE

Of probable amount required for the support of the Factory, for two years, 1858 and 1859.

For 1 Superintendent, at $1,200,	$2,400,00	
" 2 Overseers, " 936,	3,744,00	
" 1 Engineer, " 1,000,	2,000,00	
" 1 Watchman, " 420,	840,00	$8,984,00
950 bales Cotton, of 500 lbs., at 14c,	$66,500,00	
120,000 lbs. Wool, " 23c,	27,600,00	
Starch, for sizing, - - -	1,500,00	
Oil, for machinery, - - -	1,000,00	
1,400 gallons Oil, for greasing Wool,	1,820,00	
Soap, for washing Wool, - -	300,00	
1,350 cords Wood, delivered, -	4,050,00	
Contingent, - - - -	1,000,00	
Labor of 68 convicts, at $15,543,26,	31,086,52	$134,856,52
		$143,840,52

CONTRA.

By Sundries on hand in Expense Estimate.

55 bales Cotton, 28,251 lbs., at 14c,	$3,955,14
" 4,585 " " 14c,	641,90
9,573 lbs. Wool, at 22 4-10,	2,154,35
240 " Extract Logwood, - -	66,50

100	lbs. Copperas, - - -	5,00	
78	sides lacing Leather, - -	110,50	
1	lb. Russia Isinglass, - -	5,00	
4½	doz. assorted Files, - -	26,37	
12	lbs. Glue, - - - -	3,13	
4	Brooms, - - - -	1,20	
6	Brushes, - - - -	6,00	
31	pair hand and stripping Cards,	8,80	
1	lot of Screws and Wire, -	20,00	
10,026	lbs. Starch, - - -	802,08	
5	bbls. Sperm Oil, (206 gals.,)	329,60	
1	" Lard Oil, (40 ")	52,00	
87 3-4	cords Wood, at $2,74, -	240,43	
Probable amount of goods made during the two years,		162,624,00	
	Balance to close,		27,211,48
		$172,052,00	$171,052,00
	By balance brought down,	$27,211,48	

REPORT

Of convict labor in Penitentiary, &c., not embraced in account of work made and sold.

1,072,000	Brick, made and burnt, at $7 00 per M.,		$7,504,00
1,800	bushels of Coal, burnt, " 8		14,00
122⅓	square of flooring in Factory build'g, at $4,		489,33
122⅓	" joist framed " " " 1		122,33
122⅓	" floor laid double " " " 6		734,00
12	Doors, cased and hung, " " " 15		180,00
2	Windows, filled, " " " 10		20,00
2	pairs Stairs, " " " 5		10,00
5	squares partition, " " " 4		20,00
8	" joist, entrance room, " 1		8,00
8	" floor laid " " " 4		32,00
1	pair winding stairs run, - - -		50,00
1,800	Brick, laid in cement, Fact'y build'g, at $5		9,00
200	yards plastering, in pick room, at 50c,		100,00
150	square roof painted, two coats, " $1,		150,00
48	Boxes, for Factory, " 50c,		24,00

15,000	Brick, laid in setting boilers,	" $10	150,00
Putting sky lights in Engine room,		- - -	30,00
570	feet ceiling, " "	at $3,	17,00
125	windows painted in factory building,	at $2,	250,00
			$10,043,66

100,000	Brick, laid in parapet block 2,	at $3 00,	$300.00
5,000	feet hewn Lumber, for cells,	" 6	300,00
	Raising the same, - - - - -		80,00
100,000	Brick, laid in Hospital,	at $3 00,	300,00
100	loads Sand,	" 50,	50,00
6	openings, fitted and latticed with iron, in Hospital, - -	at $10,	60,00
164	square framing roof, block 2,	at $2 00,	328,00
82	" Sheeting, " "	1	82,00
32	" framing joists, in Hospital and Washroom, -	at $1.00,	32,00
32	" floor laid, in Hospital and Washroom, -	at $3 00,	96,00
669	lights sash made, primed and glazed,	at 18c,	120,42
42	squares flooring, in block 2,	at $4 00,	168,00
42	" ceiling,	" 4	168,00
62	iron doors, for cells, made,	" 10	620,00
			$2704,42

23½	squares floor, laid in block 1,	at $4 00,	$94,00
12	" " " in cells,	" 4	48,00
15	" ceiling,	" 4	60,00
3	" " in guard room,	" 4	12,00
3	" floor, laid " "	" 4	12,00
1	door, cased and hung,	" 8	8,00
1	double door, to main passage,	- -	90,00
1	well, dug and walled,	- - -	200,00
2	cisterns, built for Factory,	- - -	200,00
3	squares of joist and floor, laid on same,	at $5 00,	15,00
24	large pools, dug, walled and cemented,	-	150,00
900	cords wood, cut,	at $1 00,	900,00
8	coloring kettles, set,	- -	100,00
100	days work, grading yard,	at 50c,	50,00
102	feet pipe, made and put up,	- -	36,20
8	days repairing roof, block No. 1,	at $1 25,	10,00

11	doz. tin cups, and 2 lard stands made,	-	-	13,00
10	" " plates, - - - "	-	-	12,00
9	" " cups, - - - "	-	-	5,62
				$1955,82

364,500	brick, laid in Store House,	at	$3 00,	$1093,50
99	square joists, framed,	"	1 50	148,00
80	iron braces, for joists, 10 lbs. ea.,	"	20	160,00
33	squares rafters, framed,	"	2	66,00
33	" sheeting,	"	2	66,00
9	doors, complete,	"	25	225,00
32	windows, filled,	"	15	480,00
66	squares floor, laid,	"	4	264,00
2	pairs stairs, run,	"	50	100,00
182	loads sand, hauled,	"	50	91,00
125,000	brick, laid in Warehouse,	"	3	375,00
62	loads sand, hauled,	"	50	31,00
24	squares joist, framed,	"	1 50	36,00
12	" rafters, and sheeting each,	"	2	48,00
7	windows, filled,	"	12	84,00
1	large door frame and shutter, made and set,			14,00
				$3281,50

On Clothing Account.

Work done for convicts, in Tailor shop, - -	$293,82
" " " " " Shoe shop, - -	253,75
	$547,57

In the discharge of my duties as Superintendent, I found less difficulties to encounter, in enforcing discipline, by one of the provisions of your former By-Laws, which has been inhibited by the late Penal Code—I allude to the liability of corporeal punishment. The By-Laws provided it could not be inflicted without a written order of the Directors—that prevented an abuse of the right—as you are aware it was seldom resorted to—but it had a salutary influence over the convict, to know of his liability. It would conduce to subordination to have the power re-instated.

In regard to the law compensating Sheriffs for the trans-

portation of convicts, I would suggest the appropriation be separate from the general appropriation, and placed in the Financial Agent's hand, to be paid by him on the certificate of the District Judge, and for him to account to the Comptroller quarterly.

The late law contemplated the erection of a House of Correction for the confinement of juvenile offenders; but made no provision for it. So far there has been none such convicted; had there been, I could not have received them, the law forbidding their introduction within the walls of the Penitentiary. I would suggest the propriety of calling the attention of the Executive and Honorable Legislature to the fact.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES GILLASPIE,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF CONVICTS RECEIVED SINCE LAST BIENNIAL REPORT.

NAME.	AGE.	SEX.	NATIVITY.	HABITS.	EDUCAT.	MARIT. RELAT.	TERM OF IMPRI-SON'T.	OFFENCE.	FROM WHAT COUNTY SENT.
Rafael Arabor,	22	Male	Mexico	Temp.	None	Sing.	7 years	Horse steal.	Cameron
Susano Sisnero,	30	"	"	"	"	Mar.	7 "	"	"
W. C. Copeland,	35	"	Tennessee	Intemp.	Common	"	2 "	Larceny	Grimes
John J. Gosey,	25	"	S. Carolina	Temp.	"	Sing.	2 & 5 m.	"	Shelby
John Brown,	26	"	Germany	Intemp.	"	"	1 year	Horse steal.	Bexar
Baltazar Trevino,	26	"	Mexico	Temp.	None	"	1 "	Mule "	"
Antonio De Anda,	73	"	"	"	"	Mar.	2 "	Burglary	"
Jose Maria Falcon,	25	"	"	"	"	"	1 "	Larceny	"
Juan Briseño,	17	"	"	"	"	Sing.	6 "	Asst. to rap.	"
Juan Humada,	20	"	"	"	"	"	4 "	Horse steal.	"
Jesse R. Brown,	21	"	Tennessee	"	Common	"	2 "	" "	Washington
John Sogousky,	38	"	Germany	Intemp.	"	"	5 "	Larceny	Lavacca
John Monwail,	22	"	Texas	Temp.	None	"	1 "	"	Wood
Norman McCloud,	25	"	N. Carolina	"	Common	Mar.	1 & 1 m.	"	Smith
Lewis Walker,	52	"	Ala.	Intemp.	"	"	1 & 10 m.	Asst. to kill	Milam
David Vann,	37	"	Ga.	"	"	"	4 years	Larceny	Grayson
Henry Moffet,	15	"	Ia.	Temp.	"	Sing.	1 & 10 m	"	Dallas
Isaac R. Burbanks,	34	"	N. H.	"	"	"	3 years	En Slave	Travis
John W. Hall,	28	"	Ohio	Intemp.	"	Mar.	15 "	Mur. 2d d.	Liberty
Albrecht Gehnke,	27	"	Prussia	"	German	Wid'r	Life	Murder	Harris

John W. Irwing,	32	Male	Tennessee	Intemp.	Common	Mar.	2 years	Manslaugh.	Rusk
W. L. Freeman,	28	"	Canada	"	"	"	" "	Forgery	Harris
J. Scharl Lugars,	17	"	France	"	None	Sing.	1 year	Larceny	"
John M. Bates,	25	"	Va.	Temp.	Common	"	5 "	"	Red River
Johannah Moesgan,	46	Fem	Germany	"	German	Wid.	9 "	Mur. 2d d.	Comal
Carl Reibeling,	23	Male	"	"	"	Mar.	9 "	"	"
Frederika Riebeling,	20	Fem	"	"	"	"	9 "	"	"
James Lewis,	27	Male	Missouri	Intemp.	Common	Sing.	5 "	Larceny	Harrison
William Davis,	27	"	Ga.	"	English	"	10 "	N. steal.	"
John W. Smith,	22	"	Tennessee	"	"	Mar.	10 "	" "	"
Hiram Burleson,	26	"	Virginia	"	Common	Sing.	7 "	Larceny	Grimes
William Reynolds,	24	"	N. Carolina	"	None	"	3 "	Not stated	Cherokee
Martin V. Bobbitt,	19	"	Virginia	Temp.	Common	"	1 "	Horse steal.	Navarro
Arbord McNeese,	32	"	Tennesse	"	None	Mar.	4 "	Negro "	Nacogdoches
A. B. Chamberlin,	32	"	N. York	"	Common	"	10 "	" "	Burleson
John V. Buxton,	35	"	Louisiana	Intemp.	"	"	2 "	Not stated	Liberty
Albert L. Ross,	25	"	N. Carolina	Temp.	Good	"	1 "	Larceny	Smith
Eleazer Reed,	35	"	Tennessee	"	Common	"	4 "	Steal Cattle	Coryell
W. L. Dooley,	30	"	Alabama	"	"	Sing.	1 "	Burglary	Bexar
Richard Wright,	42	"	"	Intemp.	Good	Mar.	3 "	Murd. 2d d.	Bell
Augustus Corse,	22	"	Germany	Temp.	"	"	1 "	Horse steal.	Travis
Manuel Olveras,	45	"	Mexico	"	None	"	3 "	C'g passing	Cameron
William Fowler,	26	"	Louisiana	Intemp.	Common	Sing.	1 "	Larceny	Kerr
James Prentiss,	27	"	N. York	Temp.	Good	"	2 ys 10m	Horse steal.	Gillaspie
Marcus Zamora,	18	"	Mexico	"	None	"	5 years	At. to kill	Webb
James Hanly,	23	"	Fa.	Intemp.	"	Mar.	4 "	" "	Madison

James W. Clark,	23	Male	Alabama	Temp.	Common	Sing.	5 years	Horse steal.	Navarro
John Shields,	21	"	"	"	"	"	1 "	Not stated	Colorado
John Wood,	21	"	Texas	"	"	Mar.	1 "	" "	"
John B. Palm,	26	"	Pa.	Intemp.	"	Sing.	5 "	Horse steal.	Milam
William Gibson,	25	"	Md.	"	Good	"	2 "	At. to kill	Bexar
J. H. Leroy,	42	"	"	"	Common	Mar.	3 "	Horse steal	"
Juan Cervantes,	21	"	Texas	Temp.	Spanish	"	3 "	Murd. 2d d.	"
Prudencio Soles,	43	"	Mexico	"	None	"	1 "	Cattle steal.	"
Sepriano Cancin,	18	"	Texas	"	"	Sing.	3 "	Burglary	"
Robert Dyos,	21	"	N. York	Intemp.	Common	"	3 "	Horse steal.	"
Reuben Deem,	36	"	Pa.	"	Good	"	1 "	" "	Fayette
Isaac Candry,	19	"	Ark.	Temp.	Common	"	2 "	" "	Rusk
Henry Tull	22	"	Ohio	Intemp.	"	"	1 "	Larceny	Calhoun
F. Sickman,	23	"	Missouri	"	None	"	4 "	Burglary	"
John Matiska,	27	"	Prussia	Temp.	"	"	2 "	Larceny	Austin
Thos. Whalihan,	52	"	Ireland	Intemp.	"	Wid.	2 "	Burglary	Galveston
Moses Baily,	22	"	Illinois	Temp.	Common	Sing.	3 "	Larceny	Upshur
John Williams,	35	"	Ireland	Intemp.	"	"	2 ys 8 m.	Murder	Victoria
W. M. Ward,	21	"	Tennessee	Temp.	"	"	9 years	Perjury	Houston
A. J. Marrow,	25	"	Texas	Intemp.	"	Mar.	5 "	At. to kill	Robertson
Henry D. Jones,	20	"	Alabama	"	"	Sing.	5 "	At. to rape	"
Benjamin Williams,	41	"	Louisiana	"	"	Mar.	10 m.	Manslaught	Jasper
Julius Abrecht,	35	"	Prussia	"	Good	Sing.	1 year	Burglary &c	Liberty
Todora Alcala,	29	"	Mexico	"	None	"	5 "	Cat. steal.	Cameron
Victoriano Cantu,	32	"	"	"	"	"	5 "	" "	"
Jose Maria Torsea	28	"	"	"	"	Mar.	5 "	Horse "	"

Benito Martinez,	36	Male	Mexico	Temp.	None	Sing.	3	years	Horse steal.	Cameron
Samuel Findley,	21	"	S. Carolina	"	Common	"	15	"	Not stated	Cherokee
Joseph Lee,	23	"	At sea	Intemp.	"	"	1	"	" "	Gonzales
George B. Berry,	22	"	Illinois	Temp.	"	"	3	"	Felony	Collin
Juan Garza alias Sartan	19	"	Mexico	"	None	"	5	"	Horse steal.	Starr
Francisco Alanis,	27	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	" "	"
Guadalupe Gonzales,	18	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	G. Larceny	"
John Perkins,	18	"	Ga.	Intemp.	Common	"	3	"	Not stated	Hunt
A. Abreal al. Coyoto,	26	"	Hungary	"	None	"	5	"	Burglary	Webb
G. W. Carver,	30	"	Tennessee	Temp.	Common	Mar.	5	"	At. to kill	Orange
James Dunn,	62	"	N. York	"	"	"	2	"	Not stated	Fannin
J. Musgroves,	23	"	Illinois	Intemp.	"	"	3 ys 6m.		" "	"
Achilles Deel,	30	"	Virginia	Temp.	"	Sing.	3	years	Theft	Rusk
James Cain,	35	"	Ireland	Intemp.	None	"	4	"	Larceny	Fayette
Edward Raymond,	22	"	N. York	Temp.	Common	"	4 ys 6m.		At. to rape	"
John Williams,	65	"	Wales	"	"	Mar.	10½ ms.		Manslaught	"
E. F. Moore,	42	"	N. York	Intemp.	"	"	6	years	Murd. 2d d.	Bexar
Filipe Garcia,	28	"	Mexico	Temp.	None	Sing.	2	"	Hog steal.	"
F. A. Vizera,	32	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	Larceny	Harris
Columbus Starkey,	20	"	Mi.	"	Common	"	3	"	Horse steal.	Ellis
Terrell Hampton,	18	"	Mo.	"	None	"	1	"	Burglary	Red River
Green Jones. 94—	30	"	Alabama	Intemp.	Common	Mar.	15	"	Murder	Robertson

The whole number in prison, October 1st, 1855, was - - - - 82
Received since - - - - - - 94
Total - - - - - 176

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Then has been discharged on expiration of sentence,	51	
Final escapes,	6	
Deaths,	7	
Pardoned,	10	74
Number in prison, October 1st, 1857,		102

THE CONVICTS NOW IN PRISON ARE EMPLOYED AS FOLSOWS:

PENITENTIARY.

Carpenters,	6	Cooks,	3	
Wagon Makers,	4	Washer & Mender,	2	
Blacksmiths & Strikers,	4	Sweepers,	3	
Shoemakers,	3	Bricklay's & tend's	4	
Painter,	1	Miller,	1	
Tailors,	2	Tinner,	1	34

FACTORY.

Manufacturing,	61	Firemen,	4	
Assistant Engineer,	1	Pumpers,	2	68–102

TABULAR STATEMENT of the whole number of commitments, number in prison, discharges on expiration of sentence, escapes, re-captures, deaths, pardons or on mandate of Supreme Court, on the 30th Sept. of each year.

YEAR.	Committed.	Discharged.	Deaths.	Escapes.	Retaken.	Pardoned.	Mandate Supreme Court.	In prison.
1850	11	"	"	"	"	2	"	9
1851	27	3	1	2	"	2	"	28
1852	48	8	4	8	"	1	"	50
1853	31	13	"	"	"	4	"	64
1854	36	21	3	"	"	6	1	69
1855	39	18	2	1	"	5	"	82
1856	43	24	3	4	"	5	"	89
1857	51	27	4	8	6	5	"	102
	281	114	17	23	6	30	1	"

HABITS.

Per last Report Temp.	123	Intemperate, - -	64
" present Rep. "	51	" - -	43
	174		107

EDUCATION.

Last Report Good, -	14	None last Report, -	61
Present Rep. " -	13	" present Rep. -	30
	27		91
Last Report Common,	122		
Present Rep. "	41		
	163		

MARITAL RELATIONS.

Last Report, Married,	71	Single last Report,	113
" " Widowers,	3	" present Report,	58
Present Rep. "	2		171
" " Widows,	1		
" " Married,	33		
	110		

AGES.

Last Rep. under 20 ys.	16	Last Rep. 50 to 60 ys.	3
Prs't " " " "	11	Prs't " " "	2—5
	27		
		Last Rep. 60 to 70 ys.	1
Last Rep. und. 20 to 30 ys.	99	Prs't " " "	2—3
Prs't " " " "	50		
	149	Prs't Rep. over 70 ys.	1
		Total - -	9
Last Rep. und. 30 to 40 ys.	45		
Prs't " " " "	21		
	66		
Last Rep. und. 40 to 50 ys.	23		
Prs't " " " "	7		
	30		
Total - -	272		

NATIVITY.

Tennessee,	21	Missouri,	3	Mexico,	64
South Carolina,	3	Illinois,	3	Germany,	12
Texas,	13	Kentucky,	8	Prussia,	6
North Carolina,	10	Vermont,	2	Canada,	2
Alabama,	12	New Jersey,	1	France,	5
Georgia,	11	Connecticut,	1	Ireland,	17
Indiana,	1	Dist. of Columbia,	1	Hungary,	3
New Hampshire,	2			England,	4
Ohio,	4	Natives,	161	Scotland,	2
Virginia,	9			South Wales,	1
Mississippi,	9			Denmark,	1
New York,	15			Italy,	1
Louisiana,	7			Atlantic Ocean,	1
Florida,	2			Africa,	1
Pennsylvania,	5				
Maryland,	6			Foreigners,	120
Arkansas,	2				

FROM WHAT COUNTIES SENT.

Anderson,	1	Gonzales,	2	Navarro,	2
Austin,	3	Grimes,	3	Nacogdoches,	3
Bastrop,	1	Grayson,	1	Orange,	1
Brazoria,	1	Gillaspie,	1	Panola,	1
Bexar,	48	Galveston,	13	Robertson,	3
Burleson,	2	Henderson,	1	Rusk,	4
Bell,	1	Hunt,	1	Red River,	5
Caldwell,	1	Houston,	6	San Patricio,	1
Cass,	1	Harris,	12	San Augustine,	1
Cameron,	35	Hopkins,	4	Starr,	7
Comal,	3	Harrison,	5	Shelby,	2
Cherokee,	5	Jefferson,	2	Smith,	2
Coryell,	1	Jasper,	3	Titus,	1
Colorado,	2	Kerr,	1	Tarrant,	2
Calhoun,	3	Leon,	2	Tyler,	1
Collin,	1	Limestone,	1	Travis,	7
Dewitt,	1	Lavaca,	2	Upshur,	3
Dallas,	3	Liberty,	8	Victoria,	4
Ellis,	1	Medina,	1	Walker,	3
Fort Bend,	2	Matagorda,	1	Webb,	2
Fannin,	2	Montgomery,	1	Williamson,	3
Fayette,	9	Milam,	3	Washington,	4
Guadalupe,	1	Madison,	2	Wharton,	5
Goliad,	1	Nueces,	5	Wood,	2

TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

For life,	1	For 4 ys. 6 mos.	2	For 2 years,	37
" 21 years,	1	" 4 "	18	" 1 ys. 10 mos.	2
" 15 "	6	" 3 " 8 mos.	1	" 1 " 6 "	3
" 12 "	1	" 3 " 6 "	2	" 1 " 4 "	1
" 10 "	10	" 3 "	42	" 1 "	83
" 9 "	5	" 2 " 10 "	2	" 10½ "	1
" 8 "	1	" 2 " 8 "	2	" 10 "	1
" 7 "	17	" 2 " 6 "	2		
" 6 "	2	" 2 " 3 "	1	Average term, 3 ys 7 months 19 days.	
" 5 "	42				

CHARACTER OF CRIME.

Murder	3	Burglary,	12	Arson,	1
Murder in 2d deg.	26	Burgl'y & Larc'y	2	Perjury,	2
Manslaughter,	14	Robbery,	2	Count'g & passing	1
Assault to kill,	29	Stealing,	2	Rape,	2
Infanticide,	1	" Cattle,	7	Assault to rape,	5
Negro stealing,	17	" Hogs,	1	Not stated,	90
Ent'g away negro,	1	Theft,	1		287
Horse stealing,	51	Rec'g stolen goods	1		
Grand Larceny,	14	Felony,	1	Double convictions	
Larceny,	72	Forgery,	5	in 6 cases.	

OCCUPATIONS.

None,	194	Gardners,	2	Coppersmith,	1
Shoemakers,	13	Teamster,	1	Painter,	1
Carpenters,	15	Cook,	1	Turner in brass,	1
Bricklayers,	2	Gunsmith,	1	Polisher of "	1
Blacksmiths,	7	Physicians,	2	Brushmaker,	1
Sailors,	5	Stone Cutter,	1	Barber,	1
Rigger,	1	Lawyer,	1	Tinner,	1
Farmers,	4	Saddle tree maker	1	Dyer,	1
Tailors,	5	Wheelwright,	1	Watchmaker,	1
Soldiers,	3	Schoolmaster,	1	Tanner,	1
Saddlers,	2	Tavern keeper,	1	Blenket maker,	1
Bakers,	2	Tallow chandler,	1		281
Printers,	2	Machinist,	1		

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,
October 31st, 1857.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY,

Gentlemen: Since the 1st of January last, there has been but little of importance to report to you in regard to the sanitary condition of the prisoners. No particular epidemic has prevailed, but a variety of diseases.

The disease which has given most trouble has been of a benign character. It is a disease of the digestive organs, or rather the whole chylopoiëtic viscera.

Several of these cases have been stubborn and disposed to relapse. They have generally been able to be about, but too sick to work, involving a considerable loss of time. More time has been lost from these cases than all others. I cannot account for the prevalence of it, except it be from previous dissipated habits. I know that those who have been most reckless in their habits have been most subject to it.

There has been three deaths during the year; one from extensive aggravated disease of the above character. His case was undoubtedly from bad habits. This disease is not common in the country.

One old Mexican died from extensive gangrene. He was badly diseased when he came here—never done any thing.

The third case, a young man about thirty years old, died after a protracted spell of six weeks, of Typhoid fever. He came here with organic disease of the urinary organs. There has been only a few cases of Chills and Fever. This remark will apply to the country around. By the assiduity of the Superintendent and Hospital Stewart, the cells have been kept clean and comfortable, at least as much so as possible. Some are slovenly in their habits, and require attention, whilst others pay great attention to keeping their cells neat and clean.

The inner walls of the building are lined over as often as necessary, whilst chloride of lime is sprinkled over the floor as a disinfecting agent.

The sick are comfortably provided for, in a neat airy Hospital apartment, aside from the building in which the prisoners are confined.

I must not omit, before closing, a word of praise to the Superintendent, for his attention to the sick generally, and also for providing a vegetable garden, from which the convicts are furnished with fresh vegetables, so essential to prevent scorbutic diseases.

The Hospital Stewart, Mr. Harrison, is constantly at his post. He does his duty in every respect.

Your obedient servant,

D. J. RANSOM.